(c) whether a proposal to open branches of post offices in Bankataudeh, Hapoli, Jhitki, Makya etc. In Madhubani Postal division in Beriahl, Chahunta, Shakarpur, Kher villages in Darbhanga division has also been received;

(d) if so, the time by which these branches are likely to be opened; and

(e) the time by which the telephone facilities are likely to be made available in Ghorbanbki, Belhabar, Uttara, Hisar, Khirhar, Jhonki, Paroni and Barah post office in Madhubani division?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Proposals for upgradation of Barah, Simri, Parsoni, Kataya & Bishfi were examined but not found justified.

(b) Question does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) and (d). The proposals for opening a branch post office in Bankata Uden is under examination. The proposal for opening post office at Makya & Chahunta was examined and found not justified. The proposals for opening a post office at Hapoli Jhitki in Madhubani postal division and Jhakarpur Khera and and Detiahi in Dharbanga have not been received

(e) Information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

[*English*]

Cancellation of Registration of Voluntary organisation for Receiving Foreign Contributions

444. SHRI PRAKASH V. PATIL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of voluntary organisations in the country whose registration for receiving foreign contributions has been cancelled during the year 1990-91 for their involvement in unlawful or illegal activities; and

(b) the other action taken by the Government against such voluntary organisations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) and (b). There is no provision in the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act , 1976 for cancellation of registration but Central Government has power under Section 10 (a) of the Act to prohibit any association or person from accepting foreign contribution. During 1990-91 only one Association has been prohibited under this provision in public interest.

Aid to the SCs/STs Victim of Atrocities

445. SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to refer to the reply goven to the Unstarred Question No. 837 on July 29, 1991 and state:

(a) the expenditure incurred by the Union Government during 1990-91 and allocated for 1991-92 on implementation of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989; and

(b) the detail of expenditure and allocation by State Government/Union Territory Administration for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme out of a total allocation of Rs. 5 Crores during 1990-91 for implementation of the scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 and the Protection of Civil Rights

Act, 1955 the following expenditure were incurred.

I. SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities - Rs.1.94 crores

II. PCR Act, 1955 - Rs.2.29 crores

A total amount of Rs. 5.50 crores has been allocated during 1991-92 for implementation of the Protection of Civil Rights Act, 1955 and the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989.

(b) The information is being collected.

Bio-Gas Plants in Maharashtra

446. SHRI VIJAY NAVAL PATIL: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of bio-gas plants in Maharashtra as on 30th June, 1991;

(b) the number of bio-gas plants to be installed during 1991-92 in Maharashtra;

(c) whether there is any proposal to give the financial assistance to Government of Maharashtra for the development of bio-gas plants and for research work; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) About 4.24 lakh family type biogas plants under the National Project on Biogas Development (NPBD) and 130 community/Institutional Biogas plants (CBP/IBP) have been set up in Maharshtra upto 30.6.1991.

(b) A target of setting up 25000 family type biogas plants under NPBD has been fixed for 1991-92 for the Govt. of Maharashtra, besides KVIC who are assigned a national target and would also be setting up a subtsantial number of plants in the State during the year. No State-wise targets are fixed for the installation of community and institutional biogas plants.

However, it is estimated that about 20 such plants would be commissioned in the State during 1991-92.

(c) and (d). Financial assistance under NPBD is provided to the States/implementing agencies on the basis of the actual number of plants/implementing agencies on the basis of the actual number of plants installed. On an average basis, for a target of 25000 plants, about Rs. 7.0 crores are expected to be released to the Govt. of Maharashtra during 1991-92.

For the Research & Development projects in biogas financial assistance is provided to the R&D institutions and Universities.

Compensation to Victims of Communal Riots

447. SHRI P.M. SAYEED: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of communal riots which took place during the last three months;

(b) the main reasons therefor; and

(c) the amount of compensation paid to the families of the killed and to be victims who sustained injuries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) to (c). On the basis of available